Vilidity of counter Guarantee for Dabhol Power Project

540. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the recent counter guarantee signed by the Central Government under the Power Purchase Agreement for Dabhol Power Project is valid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): Yes, Sir.

Sick deep-sea fishing companies

541. **DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:** Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of deep-sea fishing companies becoming financially sick has come to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government had constituted a Technical Committee to look into the problems of the deep sea fishing industry. This Committee has submitted its Report and action on the recommendations made therein has been initiated at inter Ministerial level.

542. [Withdrawn]

ISRO Spying case

543. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the ISRO spying case;

(b) whether the I.B., the C.B.I., the police and R.A.W. have been working at cross purposes in the matter; and

(c) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) On completion of the investigations, the Central Bureau of Investigation filed a final report on 30.04.1996 before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ernakulam, praying for the discharge of all the six accused persons as there was no espionage activity involved. The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ernakulam, accepted the final report of the CBI and pronounced, on 02.05.1996, that the allegations of espionage and other charges against the accused were not proved and had been found to be false in investigation and discharged all the six accused persons.

(b) and (c) The Government on the request of the Government of Kerala, had entrusted the investigations of the case to the CBI. The CBI has taken into consideration inputs from all the other investigating agencies before drawing up their final report and taking action as at (a) above.

Southern Gas Grid

544. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Governments, which are party to Southern Gas Grid proposed to be set up with their contribution and the amount of gas likely to be drawn by each partner State, percentage-wise;

(b) whether any nodal committee has been set up to frame and prepare the feasibility report for this project;

(c) the likely total cost of this project; and

(d) at what stage this project has reached and when is it likely to be initiated.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) and (b) The Southern States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamilnadu have appointed the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) as the nodal agency for preparing a pre-feasibility report for the Southern Gas Grid project. The percentages of gas to be drawn by the States have not been decided.

(c) and (d) The pre-feasibility study admmissioned by KSIDC has recently been completed. It has been estimated in the study that the project cost may lie between Rs. 6000 crores to Rs. 12,000 crores for different alignements and capecities.

Dobhol Power Project

545. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since approved and signed a counter guarantee with regard to the Dabhol Power Project, as per the revised terms of agreement signed between the Government of Maharashtra and the Enron Company; and

(b) what are the main modifications and changes made in the original agreement under the revised terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्वच्छता संबंधी सुविधाओं संबंधी राष्ट्रीय नीति

546. **श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:—

(क) क्या सरकार ने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में सार्वजनिक शौचालयों, भूमिगत नालियों का निर्माण और सफाई एवं स्वच्छता संबंधी सुविधाये प्रदान करने हेतु कोई राष्ट्रीय नीति तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चंद्र देव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) और (ख) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं हेतु राष्ट्रीय नीति का निर्धारण केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन में व्यक्तिगत घरेलू शौचालयों के निर्माण, शुष्क शौचालयों को स्वच्छ शौचालयों में बदलना, महिलाओं के लिए विशेष स्वच्छता परिसरों का निर्माण, ऊपरी नालियों के निर्माण द्वारा गांव की पूर्ण स्वच्छता, सोख्ता गड्ढों, मल-मूत्र का निपटान, व्यक्तियों में अनुभूत आवश्यकताओं एवं जागरूकता सृजन के लिए गहन अभियान ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पारिवारिक स्वच्छता सुविधाओं के लिए किया गया है।

(ग) उपर्युक्त गतिविधियां राज्यों/संघशासित क्षेत्रों द्वारा राज्य क्षेत्र के न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम और केन्द्रीय ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम में उपलब्ध परिव्यय के अनुसार कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं। पारिवारिक शौचालयों का निर्माण लोक कार्यक्रम और ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी विकास परिषद द्वारा वित्तपोषित स्वयं सेवी संगठनों द्वारा भी किया जाता है। 1996-97 के लिए अन्तिम परिव्यय केन्द्रीय ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत 60.00 करोड़ रुपये और राज्य क्षेत्र के न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत 102.53 करोड़ रुपए है।

Scarcity of Potable Water in small and medium Towns in Karnataka

547. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified small and medium towns in Karnataka where there is perennial scarcity of drinking water;

(b) if so, the names of such towns as on 30th June, 1996;